

Hello families,

Expo & Final Assembly

Thank you to all those who were able to make it to our Term 4 Learning Expo and Final Assembly on Friday afternoon. It was an amazing day - the students were buzzing with the excitement of so many families coming to the day. Thank you.

We were very grateful once again to have the Murtagh Family donate some Awards to our students and very happy to have Lyn & Kylie represent the family (along with Gina of course). We congratulate the following students on their Awards:

- Murtagh Family Literacy Award
- Jack Leech
- Murtagh Family Numeracy Award
- Hannah Bejoy
- Murtagh Family Aspiration Award
- Bella Gittins
- Murtagh Family Achievement Awards
- Logan Sloan & Rylee Botheras



Farewell Staff

In last week's Newsletter we announced that Mrs Emma Smith would be leaving us at the end of year as she prepares for motherhood. We also farewell Ms Tameka Lewis who is heading to Melbourne to continue her teaching career. The following ESO staff will also be leaving us at the end of the year: Jeremy Rodi, Ella Wicks, Tianna Hughes, Matilda Roberts, Jake Higgins and Paige Cartwright. We can't thank all of these staff members enough for what they have all contributed to life at St Peter's. We wish every one of them all the very best for a happy and successful future!

Big Question

This week, the big question is:

How can I spread peace and joy?

This week we focus on how we can bring peace and joy to others. What little things can we be doing to brighten the days for other people? What ways can we help out at home to help others? We specifically focus on spreading the peace and joy of God through our words and actions.

After School Care Provider

We are pleased to announce that next year our after school care will be provided by Uniting. This will be held on school grounds after school. Any families wishing to access this service in 2024 will need to enrol their child via the website <https://earlylearning.unitingvictas.org.au/child-care/bendigo-uniting-after-school-care/>

Lizards

We ask that students please do not bring lizards to school. Hunting, catching and playing with lizards has now been banned at St Peter's.

Choir visiting St John of God Hospital

Our choir have been practising Christmas carols and will go to St John of God Hospital tomorrow- the 12th of December - if your child is in the choir please give permission via the SiMON Everywhere App.

End of Year Mass & Dinner

Tomorrow night at 6pm at St Kilian's Church is our End of Year Mass and Dinner. This is where we farewell our Yr 6s and celebrate our year together. After Mass we will have our take-away dinner on the oval. Families are asked to pick up their own take-away dinner on their way back to school after Mass. Hopefully Santa will be able to visit us too!

End of Year Important Dates:

Government Secondary Schools Orientation Day - Tuesday 12th of December
End of Year Mass and Dinner on the Oval - Tuesday the 12th of December at 6pm.
Students Last Day for 2023 - The last day of the year for students will be Friday the 15th of December. The students will finish at 2.15pm on this day.

2024

The first day of school for ALL students is Wednesday the 31st of January. The office will be open on Wednesday the 24th of January to pick up school uniform orders.

A moment in Prayer

We celebrated the second Sunday of Advent yesterday. This is when we light the Bethlehem Candle representing Peace.

Loving God,
Please open our hearts to your Peace. Help us to prepare for your arrival, like Joseph and Mary did all those years ago. Help us to reflect on our lives and how we can be better versions of ourselves. Bring your peace into our hearts and help us spread your peace to others.
We ask this in your name,
Amen

We thank all our families for a great 2023 and look forward to working together again in 2024. We wish you all the very best for a safe and peaceful holiday.
May God bless you all this Christmas.

*Merry Christmas,
Jen & Jeremy*

AWARDS

Term 4 Week 10

Co-Principal
Award

Last week's Co-Principal Award went to Kyeta from Yr 2. Kyeta has been consistently showing all 4 School Values. She is kind, friendly and helpful. Kyeta always does her best work and keeps her space tidy! What a great role model.



We warmly invite everyone to join us to give thanks
for the school year and celebrate our graduating
grade 6 students and all families at our

*Graduation
& end of year*
Mass

**TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER
6PM AT ST KILIANS CHURCH**

FOLLOWED BY PICNIC AT SCHOOL.
BYO DINNER (ALCOHOL FREE EVENT)

UPCOMING

12 DEC, TUE

● All day

End of Year Mass and Dinner on the Oval 6pm

● All day

Government Secondary Schools Orientation Day

15 DEC, FRI

● All day

Last Day of Term 4- 2:15pm Finish

31 JAN, WED

● All day

First Day of School for all students

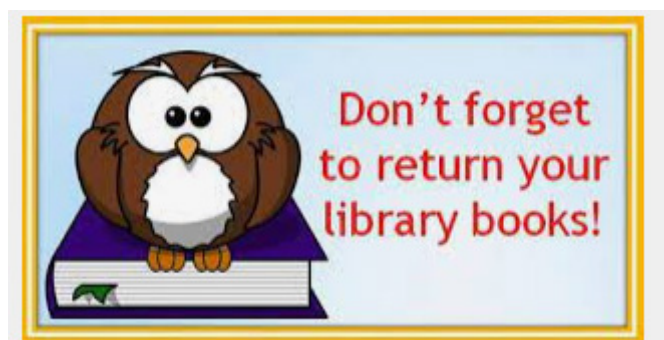
This week's big question...

' How can I spread peace and joy?'

The peace of God allows us to look at others through heaven's eyes and help guide the world to see God's here and not-yet here kingdom.

Peace from God, biblical peace, allows us to trust in God's promises, through restful, tranquil faith, despite the dark, scary world around us.

With Jesus' arrival, we spend some time reminding ourselves of the joy that we are surrounded by daily and the joy we will feel during Christmas time.



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Christmas Food Pantry

Over our period where our regular operation is closed we will be closed. Bendigo Foodshare will be working with the Rotary clubs in Bendigo to help run the Christmas Food Pantry. If anybody is in need of food relief during this time share the following information.

Wednesday December 27th - St Pauls Myers St
Thursday December 28th - Eaglehawk Rotary Club Rooms
Friday December 29th - Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club Rooms
Wednesday January 3rd - St Pauls Myers St
Thursday January 4th - Eaglehawk Club Rooms
Friday January 5th - Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club Rooms

Catholic IDENTITY



2nd Sunday of Advent

Something to Think About

Show me, Lord, what there is about my life that takes from the value of my words and makes me less convincing.

The Story

John the Baptist preached forgiveness. This is one of the special gifts of God, and one of the big celebrations of Advent. We are a forgiven people, and we welcome the forgiveness of God in our repentance. This means we are firstly grateful for forgiveness - that we do not have to carry forever the burden of our sin, meanness, faults and failings. God covers them over in mercy.

The Scriptures ~ Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'